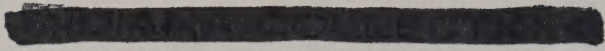


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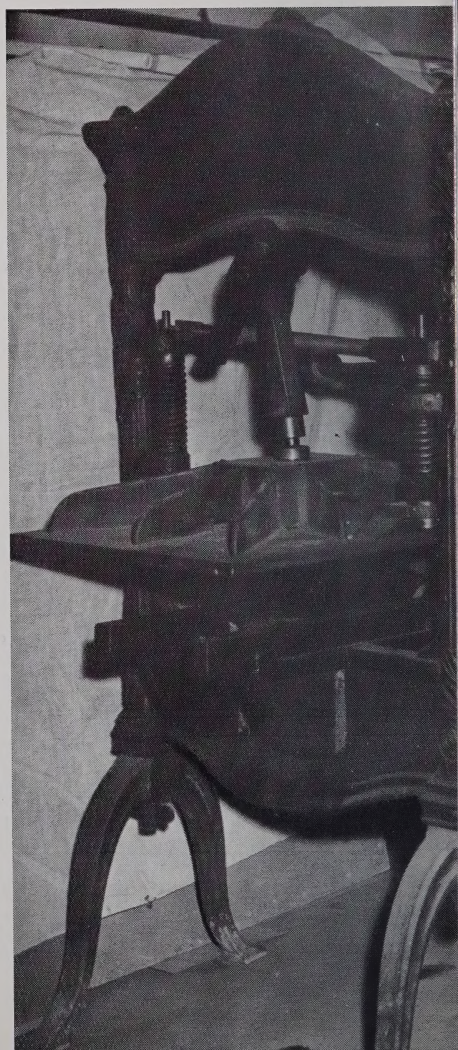
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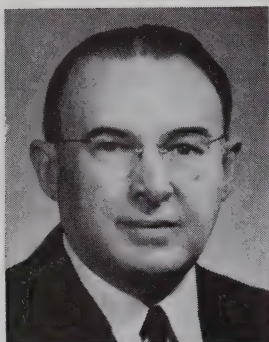
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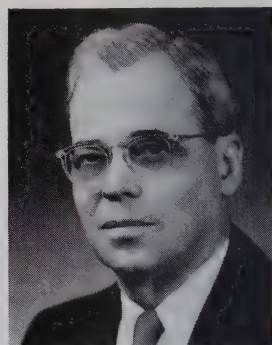
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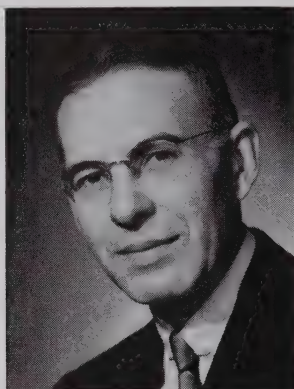
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## FOREWORD

The story of the organization and progress of the Republican party in Indiana would be wholly incomplete without a narrative of the important part played in this movement by the Republican newspapers of the state.

At the annual meeting of the Association in the fall of 1952, the officers of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association deemed it wise that a review of several existing sketches should be undertaken and an additional down to date history compiled from available records. The offering in the following pages is in pursuance of that request.

Recognition should be made of the following source material:

History of the Press of Indiana by Dr. Logan Esarey.

The Story of Our Association by M. W. Pershing, 1921.

Souvenir of the 1947 annual meeting by Earl Hitch.

Golden Jubilee program by Irving W. Ridge and Earl Coble.

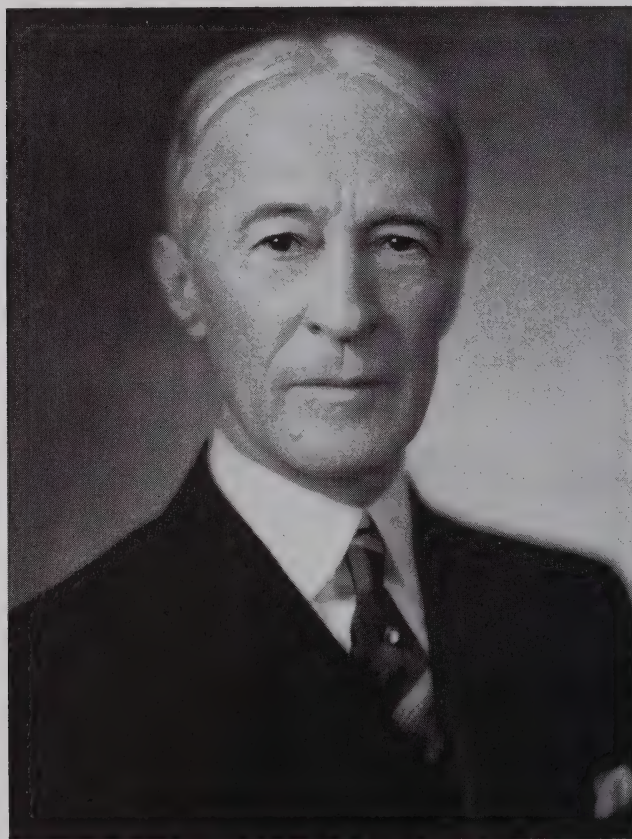
Valuable assistance was rendered by Frederick E. Schortemeier, Mrs. Ruth Hancock, Foster W. Riddick, William D. Murray, John D. Sellers, Neil McCallum and Claude Billings.

It was a difficult task to gather out of the fleeting years and the incomplete records of a voluntary association, the salient features of a movement which has had such an important bearing on the welfare of the country through its efforts in upholding the sound philosophy of the Republican party in Indiana.

That the Indiana Republican Editorial Association is the only organization of its kind which has existed through three-quarters of a century, expresses more emphatically than words can embrace the contribution it has made to the cause of sound government. This work will never be complete, but the high spots of the record down to the present time are worthy of preservation.

September 30, 1953

RAYMOND E. WILLIS, Chairman  
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A GREETING FROM THE DEAN OF  
INDIANA DAILY NEWSPAPER  
PUBLISHERS.

*The Indiana Republican Editorial Association has exerted an influence over the Republican newspapers of Indiana which has done much to keep state government progressing in the sensible and right direction and will continue that influence. Its value to its membership and to the Republican Party and to the people of Indiana has increased with the advance of years since its organization many years ago. Not only this but it has brought into closer association and mutual friendship its members, a factor of consequence from a purely political stand-point.*

F. A. MILLER

Managing Director of South Bend Tribune since 1892 and president and editor since 1924.





ARTHUR A. HARGRAVE

FROM THE GRAND OLD MAN OF  
COUNTRY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER  
EDITORS.

*Hail the weekly press of Indiana! For almost 150 years the weekly paper has served the people as a medium of spreading the local news and expressing the joys and sorrows of its community, advocating new enterprises and helping develop the resources of the state. To no other single endeavor does the state owe its standing as one of the greatest states of the Union. Friend of the people, the Hoosier weekly press has stood as the arbiter of their best interests—rejoicing in their prosperity, sympathizing with them in their sorrows, paying tribute to their good qualities and helping develop community interests—material, political, moral and religious.*

A. A. HARGRAVE

Editor of Rockville Republican since  
1888.

Written on his 97th birthday, August 15, 1953.

## HOW THE REPUBLICAN PARTY CAME TO INDIANA

In the transitional days of the 1850's between the decline of the old Whig party and the establishment of the new Republican party, Indiana people with their usual conservatism and with an earnest purpose to preserve the Union and to abolish slavery, formed what was called "The People's Party" holding their first convention in Indianapolis on July 13, 1854.

Men who were later to play leading parts in Republican journalism in this state were among the conspicuous figures in that meeting. Schuyler Colfax, editor of the *St. Joseph Valley Register*, of South Bend, and later a Republican congressman and Vice-President, was one of the speakers. M. E. Garber, editor of the *Madison Courier*, was chosen chairman of the state committee organized to prosecute the movement. Under Mr. Garber's able leadership, a good organization was welded together and a vigorous campaign was waged. The new party carried the state by 13,000 votes and elected six of the eleven Congressmen then allotted to Indiana.

Representatives of the several groups and factions that had come together to form the People's Party attended the preliminary convention of the National Republican party in Pittsburgh in February, 1856. These representatives returned full of enthusiasm for the new national Republican party and as a result, the People's Party accredited its official representatives to the Philadelphia Republican Convention on June 17th as delegates to the People's National Convention. Henry S. Lane, of Indiana, was permanent chairman of that meeting.

The convention nominated General John C. Fremont for President, who was defeated by James Buchanan in the subsequent election. The Indiana People's Party lost the state and national ticket, but elected five Congressmen. Two years later in 1858 "The People's Party" in Indiana passed out of existence, its adherents joining the Republican party.

The part played by Republican newspapers and their editors in the formation and development of the Republican



party cannot be over emphasized. They carried Republican doctrine to the readers in season and out, and as the modest local weeklies of that day were the only papers received in many homes, they exerted an influence which was a potent factor in assuring the permanency of the new party.

## PIONEERING IN EDITORIAL ORGANIZATION

On January 6, 1857, a year before the effective organization of the Republican party in Indiana, pursuant to a call, newspaper editors who had formally adopted the Republican title, assembled in Temperance Hall in Indianapolis, and effected the first Republican editors association in Indiana.

R. N. Hudson, editor of the *Wabash Express*, of Terre Haute, presided over the meeting, and M. C. Garber, of Madison, was chosen the first president. The following editors were present: W. G. Terrell, *Lafayette Journal*; W. R. Ellis, *Lafayette Courier*; E. W. H. Ellis, Jeffersonville "*We The People*"; R. N. Hudson, *Wabash Express*; M. C. Garber, *Madison Courier*; W. N. French, *Jeffersonville Republican*; K. G. Shryock, *Rochester Fulton County Flag*; Theodore Heilscher, *Indianapolis Indiana Free Press*; Howard Coe, *Bloomington Republican*; D. W. Jones, *Marion Freeman's Journal*; W. G. Greene, *Danville Bulletin*; S. Alter, *Shelbyville Republican Banner*; J. W. Dawson, *Ft. Wayne Times*; Eph Jeffrey, *Franklin Republican*; J. B. Conner, *Vernon Banner*; C. D. Smith, *Winchester Randolph Journal*; James Burt, *Muncie Messenger*; E. Stebbins, *Columbus Independent*; D. Batterton, *Greensburg Decatur Republican*; Isaac A. Rice, *Attica Fountain Ledger*; Edwin Callious, *Martinsville Morgan County Record*; J. D. DeFrees, formerly of the *Indiana State Journal*; Berry H. Sulgrove and Barton D. Jones, *Indianapolis Journal*.

Naturally the first objective of the Association was to advance the interests of the Republican party, and the substantial character of its early membership indicated that it would have powerful influence in shaping the policies of the new Republican party. The Association received support from

representative editors who had no taste for the doctrine of the decadent Whigs and the Democrats.

Doubtless because of the difficulties of state wide attendance at public assemblies, and because of the overwhelming social problems developed by the Civil War, the organization gradually faded out. It was recognized by political leaders of the day that its decline had an adverse effect on the strength of the Republican party, which in 1872, 1874 and 1876 suffered serious reverses.

## *The Indiana Republican Editorial Association*

### A STORY OF SEVENTY-FIVE YEARS OF PROGRESSIVE SERVICE

Disturbed by repeated reverses suffered by the Republican party in the early 70's, editors of the party newspapers decided to do something about it. One cause of the debacle, political leaders charged, was the scattered and more or less ineffective efforts of the Republican newspapers in presenting the issues of the campaigns. George J. Langsdale, of the *Greencastle Banner*, conceived the idea that a concerted method of presenting the issues to the public in newspaper editorials would promote Republican principles and promote party success.

With this idea in view, Mr. Langsdale issued a call for the Republican editors to meet in the Remy Hotel located on Monument Circle, Indianapolis, December, 1878, to discuss the propriety of effecting the organization of a Republican Editorial Association. The discussions held emphasized that owing to the limited acquaintance among newspaper people over the state such an organization would be beneficial from an educational standpoint. There was begun a record of outstanding service uninterrupted to this date.

The charter members of the Association formed on that date were: George J. Langsdale, *Greencastle Banner*; John G. Bain, *Martinsville Republican*; T. H. B. McCain, *Crawfordsville Journal*; Gil R. Stormont, *Princeton Clarion*; George I. Reed, *Peru Republican*; A. C. Beeson, *Winchester Journal*; Charles E. Wilson, *Lebanon Patriot*; M. W. Pershing, *Tipton Advocate*; W. H. Elliott, *Newcastle Courier*; M. C. Garber, Sr., *Madison Courier*, and I. W. Brown, *Columbus Republican*. George J. Langsdale was elected president; John G. Bain, secretary and T. H. B. McCain, treasurer. A constitution and by-laws were adopted and the Indiana Republican Editorial Association was born.



At the meeting held in Indianapolis the following year several additional members were received. Politics was the only subject discussed and plans were laid to urge, through the means of letters sent out by the officers of the Association, a greater activity for the Republican party, particularly among newspaper publishers. As a result, there was a marked improvement of political confidence in the Republican party, and it was given a handsome plurality in both the October and November elections which ensued.

Fairly complete records are in existence covering the years after the Association "became of age." In January, 1921, M. W. Pershing, of Kokomo, a charter member, presented a well prepared history of the Association. Out of his personal acquaintance, Mr. Pershing recalled many in addition to the charter members who were strong characters in newspaper work in Indiana. Among them were: Isaac Jenkinson, of Richmond; Schuyler Colfax, editor of the *South Bend Register*; General Tom Brady, of the *Muncie Times*; Tom Bringhurst, of Logansport; James P. Luce, of Anderson; J. O. Hardesty, of Anderson; Nick Ruckles, John R. Holloway, E. B. Martindale, John C. and Harry S. New, of Indianapolis. Also named were: Ex-Lieutenant Governor W. S. Haggard, of Lafayette; General Jasper Packard, of New Albany; W. S. Lingle and B. Wilson Smith, of Lafayette; W. D. Pratt, of Logansport; John F. Wildman, of Muncie; W. W. Lockwood, of Peru; John W. Baker, of Columbia City; Alfred B. Miller, of South Bend; Joseph Conlogue, of Kendallville; Frank W. Willis, of Waterloo; Thad Butler, of Wabash; General Reub Williams and Q. A. Hossler, of Warsaw; J. B. Cheadle, of Frankfort; W. D. Page, of Fort Wayne; John Gregory, of Williamsport; John F. Moses, of Rushville.

In the early meetings of the Association papers of a political character were read and discussed and resolutions were adopted which attracted the attention of politicians. Sometimes the resolutions would be the key note of a campaign, and more than once the party met with success by the advocacy of questions presented by the association of Republican editors.

### **RELATIONS WITH REPUBLICAN STATE ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED**

In the mid-nineties the need for a closer relationship between the Association and the Republican State Organization became evident. In the campaign of 1896 a Press Bureau was established and managed by the Association to cooperate in the literary releases of the State Committee. The advantages of this liason effort were so apparent that thereafter the State Central Committee has given the Association a prominent place in the councils of the party. Later an Inter-Relations Committee was established, consisting on the part of the Association, of the current officers and the immediate past president, which acts for the Association in all affairs of mutual interest, in conjunction with a similar representation from the State Central Committee.

### **EVENING BANQUETS ESTABLISHED**

The social side of the annual meetings were given new impetus in 1896 under the presidency of Charles B. Landis when a banquet to which the ladies were invited was held as a feature of the annual meeting. At this first banquet, Charles W. Fairbanks, senator and later Vice-President, was the guest speaker of the evening. Since then these occasions have become outstanding features of the annual meetings and have attracted nation-wide attention. Among the speakers who have been heard at these dinners were Governor James A. Mount; Governor W. T. Durbin; Senator James E. Watson; Governor J. Frank Hanly; Senator Albert J. Beveridge; Honorable William L. Taylor; Governor James P. Goodrich; Charles Hernly; Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, Senator James A. Hemenway; Vice-President Coolidge; Governor Frank B. Willis, of Ohio; Governor Morrow, of Kentucky, and a number of other eminent men.

From time to time many amusing incidents developed out of these banquets, perhaps the most piquant occurring under the presidency of Sam Boys, of Plymouth, when Pat Hurley, of Oklahoma, was the speaker. In introducing Mr. Hurley,

President Boys read a telegram of endorsement from Will Rogers as follows: "I want to commend to you Pat Hurley as a speaker, good Republican and a satisfactory "quest" of honor. You will find him courteous, fluent and housebroken." None seemed to enjoy the introduction more than Pat Hurley.

### **POSTMASTER GENERAL HONORED AT GOLDEN JUBILEE**

In 1928 the Golden Jubilee of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association was celebrated. Miss Mary Sleeth, of Rushville, Vice-Chairman of the Republican State Committee, presided at the evening meeting, being the only woman who has served in the capacity of a presiding chairman at any of the Association banquets. Mr. Pershing and Gil Stormont were the only two charter members present. On that occasion Postmaster General Harry S. New was elected as honorary member. He was a former editor of the *Indianapolis Journal*.

### **SOME OF THE OLD TIMERS**

Those of the older members still active at the time of the Fiftieth Anniversary included: Frank J. Singleton, of Martinsville; Frank L. Braden, of Portland; W. B. Campbell, of Anderson; Gil Stormont, of Princeton; Harry Strohm, of Kentland; C. W. Riddick, of Winamac; R. A. Truitt and Will H. Craig, of Noblesville; W. W. Winslow, of Crown Point; A. S. Clifford, of Covington; A. W. Tracy, of Hartford City; Robert L. Williamson, of Muncie; Septimus Vater, of Lafayette; S. N. Cragun, of Lebanon; General Pack, of New Albany; W. S. Lingle, Lafayette; W. W. Lockwood, Peru; W. H. Elliott, New Castle; A. C. Beason, Winchester; Charles E. Wilson, Lebanon; John F. Wildman, Muncie; J. A. Kautz, Kokomo; Harry M. Smith, Greencastle; J. D. Hogate, Danville; W. S. Montgomery, New Albany; T. J. Brooks, Bedford; Michael Garber, Jr., Madison; E. E. Neal, Noblesville; Walter Bradfute, Bloomington; George W. Patchell, Union City; Ed Toner, Anderson; John A. Lingle, Paoli; T. H. Adams, Vincennes; C. J. Robb, Michigan City; Charles Sefrit,

of Washington; George B. Lockwood, of Washington, D. C., (founder of the National Republican); Ed Hancock and Luther Braden, of Greensburg.

### SUMMER SESSIONS PROMOTED FRIENDSHIPS

In 1893, J. A. Kemp, of the *Salem Republican*, president of the Association, and Quincy A. Hosler, of the *Warsaw Indianian*, secretary, secured special privileges at the Chicago World's Columbian Exposition, features not generally enjoyed by editors of other states. "Indiana Day" was a high spot of the summer's program at the Exposition, on which occasion an address was given by Ex-President Benjamin Harrison.

Following this experiment, summer meetings and excursions became annual features of the Association, and organized trips were made to South Bend, Lafayette, St. Joseph and Mackinac, Michigan; Put-In-Bay, Ohio; Atlanta, Georgia; Old Mexico; Washington, D. C.; trips down the Kentucky River with stops at Evansville and New Harmony, and down the Ohio River from Louisville to Cincinnati, to Magnesia Springs, Turkey Run, and other points of interest, where the communities turned out to give a royal reception to the visitors in anticipation of complimentary "write-ups" in the papers represented. These trips intensified the interest in the Association and were a means of establishing many lasting friendships among the members of the fraternity.

The summer sessions originally intended as outings for the members of the Association, gradually expanded into fellowship occasions for editors, their families, office holders and office seekers, ambitious statesmen, and many became historic events. They were held in LaPorte 1921; West Baden 1924; Michigan City 1925; Fort Wayne 1926; Lafayette 1927; Bedford 1929; Michigan City 1930.



## HALF CENTURY OF PROGRESS

The first half century of the history of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association was contemporaneous with marked improvement in the production of newspapers, mechanically and journalistically. M. W. Pershing, an authority on early history of the association, states that there were about three hundred weekly newspapers and twenty daily newspapers of both parties at the beginning of the period.

In pioneer days a well equipped newspaper plant had a few cases of type, from which copy was hand set. The imposing stones were generally the back side of discarded tombstones. The old Franklin or Washington hand lever, man killing "squeeze press" turned off from forms which were inked with large hand made rollers, about three hundred two-page copies per hour. Copy was prepared without aid of telephone or typewriter.

The fifty years of that pioneer era were marked with wonderful improvement. Power driven cylinder presses and larger assortment of type faces were gradually developed, and at the end of the period the installation of typesetting machines, made the production of newspapers a much more rapid operation. In the larger city plants these facilities were expanded with electrically driven presses carrying cylindrical stereotyped shells printing on paper fed from rolls at the rate of 30,000 folded eight to sixteen pages per hour. Then came photo engraving facilities, teletypes, color printing, unit presses, and many other facilities which mark a modern newspaper as a marvel of production.

### ECONOMIC REFORMS ADVANCE

The economic repercussions have been just as marked. The cost of establishing even modest printing equipment has run into tens of thousands of dollars, and few men with business judgment would rush blindly into the venture. There are probably fewer newspapers in Indiana today than there were a half century ago.

The economic impact also brought about an era of newspaper consolidation. In many towns and cities in Indiana, Republican and Democratic newspapers are printed in the same office in order to give the community the service which modern business practices demand. Among leading towns in which these consolidations have been effected are Angola, Auburn, Butler, Columbia City, Goshen, Princeton, Shelbyville, La-Grange, English, Scottsburg and Greencastle. Among the larger cities in which the same plan has been adopted are Evansville, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis and Muncie. These newspapers endeavor to maintain the individuality of editorial opinion developed in separate ownership. Other consolidations have been made and publications continued as independent newspapers at Anderson, Bloomington, Crawfordsville, Logansport, Plymouth, Rushville and Wabash. At least it can be said of the changes that much better service is being given to the communities in which they are established.

Along with the advance in production facilities there has been a broadened view of the responsibility of the newspaper to the community. Individual grievances of competing editors are no longer aired in public print—quite a contrast when compared with the tactics of pioneer days' poison pen pushers.

During the campaign of 1876, there was more politics to the square inch in Indiana than there is now in a square mile. In nearly every county in the state there was a Democratic and a Republican newspaper and there always was a bitter rivalry between them. Personalities were indulged in without hindrance or scruple and many people would take both papers to see what one would say of the other. The following is what

a Democratic editor had to say about a Republican editor in a community now boastful of its ethical erudition:

"The editor of the Republican batskin, published down the street a ways, has stooped to the very lower depths of degeneracy. In trying to uphold the conduct of certain candidates on the Republican ticket, he has the audacity to quote an old saying of Horace Greely, "That all Democrats were not horse thieves, but all horse thieves were Democrats." The editor had better crawl through a knot hole and pull the hole in after him and lay there until he rots and his body goes where all such bodies should go."

In another city there was a newspaper controversy and it appeared that the Democratic paper was getting the best of the argument, when the Republican editor complimented the other with the following editorial:

"The editor of the Democratic paper in this city is such a scoundrel that he is a stench upon good society and the best thing that the good citizens could do would be to ride him out of town on a rail. He is so stingy that he would steal the coppers off of a dead man's eyes and his clothes look like he had them on the wrong side in front. He hasn't a decent word to say about anybody and the sooner that he folds his tent and sneaks out of town, the better for him and the community."

The case for improved newspaper ethics is ended.

## *The Thwarting 30's and the Fidgety 40's*

Backed by the experience of the first half century and fortified by modern production facilities, journalism in Indiana in the past twenty-five years has taken substantial and rapidly advancing strides. The Indiana Republican Editorial Association reflected in this atmosphere an era of greater usefulness to the state and nation. In January, 1931, the Association was incorporated and later qualified as a non-profit institution in order to keep its finances in proper accord with the requirements of a continually more extravagant government.

The Association's cooperation with the Republican State Committee became more closely inter-woven and more substantially organized. In June, 1931, as a buffer to the mounting criticism of the Herbert Hoover administration, growing out of the ill-fated historic depression of 1929, the Association, under the presidency of Samuel Boys, decided to invite the President to come to Indiana as a guest of the Association, feeling that his personal appearance would create for him understanding and new support.

The meeting, which was organized by past president Paul Bausman, who presided, and Secretary Neil McCallum, was held in the Manufacturers Building at the Indiana State Fair Grounds, which for the occasion had been converted from a bare display coliseum to an attractive convention hall. A proper reception room was provided for the President and Mrs. Hoover, with the use of \$15,000 worth of oriental rugs and drapes borrowed for the occasion. In spite of the fact that \$3.00 a plate was an enormous price to pay for a meal in the days of the depression, 5200 chicken dinners were served. The record shows that \$4000 was paid for chickens, and Neil McCallum insists they were all of the feathered variety. The meeting was a huge success in every way and reached what was probably the high point of public banquets down to the present day.



### A REPEAT PERFORMANCE

Incidentally, in the next Presidential election year of 1932, the managers of the campaign arranged to stop off in Indiana on a transcontinental campaign tour for the President. The indefatigable Mike Hanrahan is the source of interesting information about that event, which was built up on four days' notice.

About 9000 extra seats were installed in the Butler University Field House and the usual bare walls were hidden with attractive decorations. It is estimated that 35,000 people were crowded into the interior of the Field House and thousands more milled about outside unable to gain admission. It is reported that the individualistic Alice Longworth stated in an aside to Dorothy Cunningham, National Vice-Committee-woman, "If these are all Republicans, Dorothy, you have got a helluva lot in Indiana."—but that was not enough.

Harry Fenton, secretary of the State Committee, seeking a feature to break the applause record, had provided 4,500 balloons, and three men were busy at the Field House for two days inflating them with gas. The balloons were put in nets in three different stations away up in the top of the Field House. The man who was assigned to start the balloons raining down after the applause had gone on for ten minutes, was only partially concealed in the girders and barely escaped being shot by a secret service officer who had not been informed that the "pole sitter" was one of the authorized actors.

The enormous crowd packed into the Field House began to get restless before the President's arrival, and when Raymond Springer, candidate for Governor, stepped out on the stage, the audience let forth a great cheer, which aroused the "squirrel man" and he let every balloon loose, forty minutes before the President's arrival. Nevertheless, the applause attending the discharge of compressed gas broke all records.

At a rally held on the Indiana State Fairgrounds in 1942, Ed O'Neel, of Hagerstown, marshalled in a herd of six ele-

phants which the Association had secured from Cole Brothers Circus, at a cost of \$100.00 per pachyderm.

In 1931 a second notable gathering was held at Brown County amidst the inviting features of that State Park. The entertainment included a visit to the artist colonies and to the Notre Dame and I. U. football game. For three successive years—1934, 1935 and 1936—the summer meetings were held at Lake Wawasee, where the entire facilities of the Spink Wawasee Hotel were utilized, with recreation, fellowship and notable speakers. Special features made the occasion enjoyable for the women. These meetings were outstanding in interest and attendance.

The Association returned to Brown County Lodge in 1937; to the Shades in 1938, and to French Lick in 1940 and 1941, where the convenient facilities afforded rich enjoyment.

#### NOTABLES ADDRESS THE ASSOCIATION

Among the prominent out-of-state men who spoke before the Association during this period were: Alan B. Albert, Executive Secretary of the Chicago World's Fair; H. L. Williamson, publisher *National Printers Journalist*; Thurman "Dusty" Miller; Hon. Ogden Mills, Secretary of the Treasury; Hon. Clarence Brown, Assistant Postmaster General; Congressman James N. Beck; Senator Luther J. Dickinson; National Commander Edward A. Hayes; Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons; Hon. John D. M. Hamilton; Senator H. Styles Bridges; Hon. Glenn Frank; DeLoss Walker; Congressman James Wadsworth; Congressman Dewey Short; Colonel Robert T. McCormick; Governor John W. Bricker; Governor Arthur James; Radio Commentator Peter Grant; Hon. Sam Pettengill.

Among the deaths reported by the Necrology Committees during this period were of some who had been very active in the Association. Among them were: Charles J. Robb, Neil R. Stormont, charter member; T. E. Goodrich, George B. Lockwood, Edward A. Remy, William B. Maddock, I. M.

Bridgeman, Charles H. Beeson, Burt Simpson, Don Nixon, Charles Neff, Will E. Witmer, W. K. Deemer, George Grigsby, Maurice G. Callahan, Harry M. Smith, Thomas A. Clifton, Paul Maddock, Raymond Sellers, Andrew H. Beardsley, Oscar Foellinger, Fred Rohrer, Frank Self, William M. Foster, Charles E. Foster, Earl Coble, Robert Carpenter, John W. Cochrum, Charles Ryder, Charles H. Thompson, Wallace B. Campbell, William H. Sanders, Gus E. Stuart, John W. Barnes.

Heavy accident casualty visited the Association in October, 1936, including the deaths of Paul Maddock, of Bloomfield, as the result of an automobile accident; Oscar Foellinger of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel in a heart attack on a hunting expedition in Canada; Raymond Sellers, of Franklin, a tireless worker who urged himself beyond the limit of human endurance, and Andrew Beardsley, of Elkhart.

The story of the "Thirties and Forties" would not be complete without recording two outstanding events in all the annals of the Association and of the Central Committee—the celebrated "Cornfield Conference" of 1938, and the Elwood official "notification" to Wendell L. Wilkie of his nomination for President in 1940. Both of these huge events were managed with distinguished ability by Paul Bausman of the *Washington Herald*, and senator-to-be Homer E. Capehart with the untiring assistance of scores of members of the Association and of the State Committee.

Within the Association Paul Bausman is remembered with affection and with great esteem for his unswerving devotion to the organization and to the highest ethics of our profession.

## THE ASSOCIATION IN WORLD WAR II

When the clarifying influence of history is reflected on Indiana's share in World War II, the record of the newspaper fraternity of the state will stand out in lustrous tones. Most of the Republican newspapers in Indiana, together with their colleagues throughout the Middle West, looked with reluctance upon the participation of the United States in the wars of nations of other lands. When the die was cast, however, no more loyal support was contributed by any state in the whole union.

Of unusual outstanding service was the floatation of War Bond quotas assigned to the State of Indiana. These campaigns were under the direction of Eugene C. Pulliam, of the *Indianapolis Star-News*. The merit of service was recognized by the administration at Washington.

One prominent Washington commentator reported that this single Hoosier state supplied one-eighth of the entire leadership in the conduct of the war in the Army, the Navy and the Intelligence forces. Out in the state, editorial offices and back room shops were severely handicapped by men heeding the call to service, and those remaining gave renewed zeal to defending our nation's cause, to organizing their communities for war service, and making successful the bond issues needed to provide the funds. Wartime restrictions of gasoline, rubber and paper supplies made these efforts severely difficult, but they were carried on with a patriotic zeal that raised the newspaper profession to high esteem among the nation's leaders.

In 1944, under the presidency of William D. Murray, in the interest of conservation of automotive requirements, the meetings of the Association were taken to the people in a series of district meetings. At the conclusion of these district meetings two zone meetings were held, one at Lake Manitou and the other at French Lick Springs. This latter meeting was made the occasion of the opening of the national campaign, Governor John Bricker, of Ohio, candidate for Vice-President, making the principal address. A reception was given by the



ladies in honor of Mrs. Bricker and the wives of the officers of the Association. Altogether the meeting was outstanding from the standpoint of the serious professional and political problems that were given consideration.

### POST WAR ACTIVITIES

As wartime limitations gradually were lifted, the Association renewed its customary policy of two meetings a year spring and fall. Congressman Dewey Short at the winter meeting of 1947, and Wayland Brooks in the fall meeting of the same year, gave stirring appeals to the editors to fulfill every responsibility toward the establishment of permanent peace.

In October of 1949 at French Lick, Senator Wherry, just a short time before his death, made a strong appeal for the resumption of peacetime policies of government and warned against the practices of dictatorship so easily assumed by war emergency.

Other speakers during this era were Senator Ed Martin, of Pennsylvania; Joseph W. Martin, Speaker, and Charles Halleck, Floor Leader, of the Eightieth Congress; Senators Raymond E. Willis, Homer E. Capehart; and William E. Jenner; Governor Ralph F. Gates; National Committeeman Carroll Reese; Senator Brewster, and the rising star of political genius, Senator Joseph McCarthy, of Wisconsin.

In 1951 a fund-raising dinner was sponsored by the State Central Committee with the cooperation of the Association. It was addressed by the late Senator Robert A. Taft, and the banquet facilities of the Murat Temple were taxed to the utmost. So well was the meeting patronized that the State Central Committee was put on a sound basis financially, and Senator Taft was so well received that almost unanimous support by the Indiana delegation for his nomination for President ensued.

In 1942 a unique winter meeting was held in the Claypool Hotel, presided over by Floyd Oursler, president, in which a surprise on the program was the presentation to Senator Raymond E. Willis of his portrait done in oil, the gift of a large

group of editors who had organized to support his nomination in 1938 and 1940 and had succeeded in overturning the heavy New Deal majorities of the preceding elections.

In 1950 in the March meeting, under the presidency of Claude Billings, an open forum was held at the noon luncheon. Both Senators and all the Congressmen and many state officers appeared in the panel to answer the questions of editors concerning their past records and their future attitudes on pending political issues. The result of the forum could best be wrapped up in a "couple of nut shells" in Senator Capehart's answer to the question, "Why did the Republican party lose the national election in 1948?" The Senator answered, "We lost because we didn't work hard enough."

Other speakers of 1950 were Senator Dirksen, of Illinois, and Rev. "Wild Bill" Alexander, of Oklahoma City.

In the April meeting, 1952, Senator Jenner was the principal speaker and there was a record breaking attendance at the evening banquet, a compliment to the Senator's stand for sturdy Americanism.

Two meetings were held in the spring of 1953 under the presidency of Paul Riddick—a January meeting to confer with the members of the Legislature, at which Governor Craig, Senate president John W. VanNess and Speaker James D. Allen gave reports on the progress of legislation. Later in the spring a meeting was held at the Columbia Club addressed by Secretary of Commerce Sinclair Weeks, Governor Craig and Vice-Chairman Mrs. Mabel Lyons. Both meetings maintained a high standard of enthusiasm.

The climax of seventy-five years of the Association's history was held in the Butler Field House on October 29, 1952, when the speaker of the occasion was General Dwight D. Eisenhower, Republican nominee for President. General Eisenhower spoke to a capacity audience at a luncheon of the editors in the Claypool Hotel at noon. The evening rally at the Butler Field House was one of the largest attended political meetings ever held in the state in which more than 50,000 persons attempted to gain admission. Without doubt that rally set the party in the nation on its march to the splendid victory that followed in November, ten days later.

### MANY PROMINENT EDITORS SUPPORT ASSOCIATION

Many prominent editors of Indiana have been associated with this organization. In addition to the roll of presidents and secretaries there have been many faithful workers in the ranks. In more recent years the presence of the following were usually in evidence at the meetings. The asterick in front of some names indicates that they are deceased:

Ward K. Bartlett, Kentland; Kenneth Bennett, Greencastle; Edgar Burnett, Boswell; \*Blaine Bradfute, Bloomington; Raymond Brown, Columbus; Warren Canwright, Chesterton; George L. Carey, Clinton; Omar Coleman, Peru; John H. Conner, Seymour; R. B. Craw, Oxford; Herbert S. Cripe, I. W. Cripe, Williamsport; U. B. Cummings, Tell City; \*George D. Edick, Plainfield; Leo K. Fessler, Indianapolis; M. Finch, Walkerton; Max Fowler, Frankfort; Ella Grames, Clay City; Howard Grossman, Salem; Lewis Harris, Loogootee; Richard Johnson, Boonville; \*J. A. Keefe, Anderson; Wilbur Kendall, Martinsville; Rudolph G. Leeds, Richmond; Edward E. Liechty, Berne; Will C. Logan, Goodland; \*Henry W. Marshall, Lafayette; \*Harry Martin, Martinsville; \*Burt Mayhill, Delphi; Roger Mayhill, Lafayette; Tom Mayhill, Knightstown; F. A. Miller, South Bend; Ralph Monfort, Hartford City; \*W. A. Moxley, Goshen; \*Edward E. Neal, Noblesville; Dan Paddock, Liberty; Ed Peck, Ossian; Harriet Pierce, Clinton; Richard C. Prickett, Albion; Eugene C. Pulliam, Indianapolis; John P. Riley, Ray Robinson, Paoli; S. R. Robinson, Rensselaer; \*Frank T. Singleton, Martinsville; \*Roy D. Shipman, Knightstown; John Shortle, Winamac; Claude Steele, Knox; \*Wilber Sutton; \*D. W. Swain, Roger M. Swain, Bluffton; Gardner J. Thomas, Marion; Leland K. Thompson, Ligonier; Robert C. Watson, Corydon; Edward J. Weesner, Danville; Robert White, Sullivan; Reub Williams, Warsaw; Raymond E. Willis, Edward D. Willis, Henry Willis, Angola.

One of the saddest days in the history of the Association, which spread gloom through the usual happy banquets, was the death of James A. Montgomery, of New Albany, a former

president of the Association, and always an arduous and effective worker for the welfare of the Association. While attending the winter meeting on March 26, 1949, he was stricken with a heart attack and died a few hours later in the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

The latest death among the former presidents of the Association was that of Herbert C. Willis of the *Waterloo Press* on May 28, 1953. During his years of activity, Mr. Willis was very energetic in promoting the welfare of the Association. As a member of the Legislature of 1919, he fathered laws which put the system of legal publications on a sound basis, which has continued to the present. During his editorship his paper was many times awarded prizes in the contests in which it was entered.

#### INDIANA ASSOCIATION A MODEL FOR OTHER STATES

It is established beyond probability of dispute that the Indiana Republican Editorial Association through its seventy-five years has been the most virile and useful association of its kind in the United States. It is not disputed that it is the oldest among such organizations. Editors in other states have formed similar associations, but few of them have existed for very many years.

In 1923 Frederick E. Schortemeier, always an enthusiastic supporter of the Indiana Association, was invited to attend a meeting at Jefferson City, Missouri, with a view to organizing the Missouri Republican State Editorial Association. Former Governor Hyde headed the movement. Their efforts resulted in a vigorous association being formed.

The Indiana Association also assisted in organizing a Kentucky Association during the regime of Governor Ed Morrow.

Delegations from Illinois and Ohio (1947) editors visited Indiana meetings and took back plans to form organizations of the same kind in their states.

Thus, the Indiana Republican Editorial Association asserted a wide influence toward maintaining sound Republican policies and ideals.



## *Women and the Editorial Association*

*By Mrs. E. J. Hancock\**

Brevity is the soul of feminine participation in the Indiana Republican Editorial Association, if a cliché may be paraphrased.

Throughout the first twenty years existence of the Association it was purely a man's organization. It was not until 1896, when Charles W. Fairbanks, later Vice-President of the United States, was principal speaker, that women were permitted to attend the evening banquet.

Since that time women have participated in a minor way in all of the meetings, especially the summer outings featured for many years.

Among the few women who have served as district representatives on the executive committee were Harriet Pierce, Clinton, in 1931; Edith Maddock (Mrs. Paul), *Bloomfield News*, and Ida Anderson, *Middletown News*, in 1938. Perhaps there have been others, but their names are not in the incomplete records that are available.

Notable among the women who have occasionally participated in IREA programs were Tora McCallum (Mrs. Neil D.) *Batesville Tribune*, and Mary Cassin, *North Vernon Plain Dealer*, who took part in 1925.

In the home of Governor Harry Leslie in 1930 wives of association members gave a reception for Mrs. Dolly Gann, sister of Vice-President Charles Curtis, who had come to address the evening meeting, but was obliged to return to Washington late in the afternoon because of the death of Chief Justice William Howard Taft.

\*NOTE: In this little chapter on women's activities in IREA, I may inadvertently have omitted names or events of importance. If I have, kindly remember this account was of necessity compiled from inadequate records and sketchy memories, although many hours were spent in an attempt to get complete and correct information. I am particularly grateful to Esther Billings and Ray Willis for their patient perusal of old records.

The following year wives of more than twenty members served with their husbands on a committee to welcome President and Mrs. Herbert Hoover in the Governor's mansion. The President had come to address a gigantic meeting at the Indiana State Fairgrounds June 15, 1931.

In the summer of 1935 Agnes Crim (Mrs. Walter) *Salem Republican Leader*, conducted an entertaining women's program at Lake Wawasee meeting, and in 1937 she assisted at the "razz" sessions at the Abe Martin Lodge in Brown County State Park.

During the presidency of Raymond H. Sellers in 1936 the evening banquet speaker was a woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Simmons, of Missouri, acclaimed as one of the best the Association had brought to Indiana.

Mary Kinman (Mrs. Leo) *Shelbyville Republican*, had charge of a garden party and style show staged by L. S. Ayres and Company at French Lick Springs in 1940. The following year Ruth Hargrave (Mrs. William B.) *Rockville Republican*, supervised the women's program including bridge, golf and horseback riding at French Lick Springs and a tea given by Miss Lucy Taggart and Thomas Taggart at their nearby Mount Ayr home, where Lucille Norman, a radio singer, was the entertainer.

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For a number of years, when two-day sessions were held, bridge parties, style shows and special tours provided entertainment for the women while the men attended to the more serious duties of solving national problems and working out the difficulties confronting editors.

Now women's activity is confined largely to the luncheons and evening banquets, although this interest is lagging since the editors have allowed the politicians to dominate these affairs. Feminine consensus is that the Association would do well to keep the politicians under control as ably as they have their women folks!

Among women currently active in publishing Republican daily newspapers are Helene Foellinger, *Fort Wayne News-*

*Sentinel*; Ruth Hancock (Mrs. E. J.) *Greensburg Daily News and Rushville Republican*; Vera M. Scheerer (Mrs. Hugo) *Princeton Clarion News*; Lucy Sellers (Mrs. Raymond) *Franklin Star*; Harriet Toner (Mrs. Edward C.) *Anderson Herald*; Mrs. Mark Honeywell *Wabash Plain Dealer*.

In the weekly field are Esther Billings (Mrs. Claude) *Akron News*; Grace Jackson (Mrs. Rex) *Plainfield Friday Caller*; Ellen Cochran Curtis *Plainfield Messenger*; Mary Wedding *Liberty Herald*; Sadie Dufendach *Huntingburg Independent*; Mary Cassin *North Vernon Plain Dealer*; Theresa McAllister *Kingman Star*.

Female politicians make the speaker's table at an IREA function, but a woman editor is never seated there unless she is the wife of an Association or party committee officer. However, loyal creature that she is, she will, come the fall of '53, put on her best buttons and bows to attend the seventy-fifth anniversary celebration, although she remains "la femme incomprise."

RUTH HANCOCK

*"If a man can make the laws, can execute the laws, and can judge the violations of the law, liberty cannot long exist. The very essence of individual freedom is equal justice under a rule of law, a law to which every man shall be subject and which no executive can modify."*

*From speech by Senator Robert A. Taft before the Indiana Republican Editorial Association, March 12, 1944.*

## INTER-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

The Indiana Republican Editorial Association has always retained its distinctive character as devoted to promoting the philosophy of the Republican party. In its earlier years professional and trade topics were given consideration as features of the winter meeting. Sentiment gradually grew that these non-political topics could well have cooperative consideration with other associations of similar character.

In 1934 the Association accepted an invitation from the newly formed Hoosier State Press Association to participate in a newspaper conference held on February 8 and 9. This conference brought together the members of the Republican Editorial and Democratic Editorial Associations, the Indiana Daily Newspaper and the Republican Weekly Newspaper Associations. Foster Riddick and Harry Thompson were appointed directors to represent the Republican Association in the official conference of the non-partisan association.

For a few years a similar conference was held annually, with the Republican Editorial Association holding its own program on the last afternoon of the conference, closing with an evening banquet. A system was developed by which membership dues in a component association were collected by the Hoosier Press.

In 1936, however, the Executive Committee of the Republican Editorial Association passed a resolution urging attendance and support of the Hoosier State Press as individuals by restoring the practice of maintaining the distinctiveness of the Republican Association. From that time on the meetings of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association have been held at different dates from the Hoosier State Press with the idea that the interest in the different purposes of the Organization could thereby be better maintained.



## THE EDITORIAL ASSOCIATION AND THE REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE

In 1896 the first cooperative effort between the Republican Editorial Association and the Republican State Central Committee was effected in the formation of a Press Bureau by the editors to aid in circulating informative facts on which to base an editorial campaign.

The National Republican Committee took cognizance of the value of this effort and supplied material in plate form which it must be said has always been apologetically used by the editors who, in former years, wanted to maintain their individuality and afford to the public confidence that the principles enunciated were the personal opinions of the editors. The Association accomplished much in improving the character of the publicity sent out by the committee.

In 1924 an inter-relations committee was formed which consisted of the president, secretary and three members of the Editorial Association, and the chairman, secretary and three members of the State Central Committee. This agency has continued to the present time and has been valuable in creating a proper understanding and a desirable relationship between the editors and the political leaders.

For a great many years it was the practice of the Republican State Central Committee, under the direction of the State Chairman, to entertain the editors at the evening dinner on the first days of the annual meeting, on which occasion greetings, information and good will were exchanged.

It should be clearly understood that during all these years the editors maintained a spirit of independence and freedom of thought. At times there have been sharp differences of opinion expressed in resolutions offered by the character of the state organization. The Editorial Association has been active in offering resolutions on major public problems and many of the expressions acted upon at its meetings found their way almost verbatim into the party platforms.

It has always been the fixed policy of the Association as expressed in its constitution, to refrain from endorsing any candidate for election to office or to permit any candidate to press his campaign openly in the meeting of the Association. This policy has maintained a freedom of the press toward candidates.

It has always been the policy of the Association to support the candidates and the principles established by the State Convention of the Republican party. The Association has been able to do this without embarrassment because of its policy of no endorsement of candidates before the convention.

From time to time the officers of the State Central Committee have expressed their appreciation on the helpful work of the Association. This expression was offered at the close of the last campaign in the following message:

### AN APPRECIATION

"The Republican party of Indiana is fortunate in the fact that through the years it has been strongly and loyally supported by the Republican press. This press is organized as the Indiana Republican Editorial Association. Indiana is the envy of the Republican organizations of other states in having such an effective Republican press association. Other states have sent representatives here to see how Indiana Republicans gained this great help. I am personally grateful to the Association for its help to me as Republican chairman."

CALE HOLDER, *Chairman*  
Republican State Committee



*An Echo of "Ike Day"*

New York, N. Y., September 30, 1952

Mr. Paul Riddick,  
President Indiana Republican  
Editorial Association,  
LaGrange, Indiana

Dear Mr. Riddick:

The results of your great "Ike Day" will long be remembered by me and my staff. Please accept my personal thanks to you and all the others in Indiana who made this visit a memorable occasion for me.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



## *Past Presidents of the Association*

*By John V. Sellers*

The roll of men who have served the Association in the capacity of president—67 in all—have been outstanding leaders in the newspaper and political history of Indiana. Early in its existence the Association showed a disinclination toward multiple terms in office. During the seventy-five years of existence sixty-seven different editors have served the Association as president. For the first two years George J. Langsdale, of Greencastle, was chosen for the leader, and Robert A. Brown served as president for the years 1889 and 1890. J. A. Kemp, of Salem, a man of pronounced vigor and enthusiasm, served for five years successively from 1891 to 1895—the longest tenure of any president. Edward J. Hancock, of Greensburg, likewise an aggressive individual, served for the years 1920 and 1921, and William D. Murray, now of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, served as president for the years 1943 and 1944. Paul R. Bausman, who was president in 1930, was elected in 1936 to fill out the year upon the death of Paul R. Maddock while in office. No other president has served for more than one full year.

The interest in and activities of the Association reflected the energy of the men who served as its leaders. Three fathers and sons have served as president. They were: Walter S. Montgomery (1904) and James E. Montgomery (1940); Raymond H. Sellers (1935) and John V. Sellers (1947); W. B. Maddock (1913) and Paul R. Maddock (1936). Only two brothers have served as president—Foster Riddick (1938) and Paul Riddick (1952). They were brothers-in-law of Samuel E. Boys, who served in 1931.

All of them became ardent believers in the Association as an instrument for cultivating fellowship among its members, and worked continually to that end. The following is a list of those who have served as president:

- 1879 George J. Langsdale, Greencastle  
 1880 George J. Lansdale, Greencastle  
 1881 W. S. Lingle, Paoli-Lafayette  
 1882 W. H. Elliott, New Castle  
 1883 J. F. Wildman, Muncie  
 1884 B. Wilson Smith, Lafayette  
 1885 Charles E. Wilson, Lafayette  
 1886 Charles E. Wilson, Lafayette  
 1887 S. M. Cragun, Lebanon  
 1888 M. C. Garber, Madison  
 1889 Robert A. Brown, Franklin  
 1890 Robert A. Brown, Franklin  
 1891 J. A. Kemp, Salem  
 1892 J. A. Kemp, Salem  
 1893 J. A. Kemp, Salem  
 1894 J. A. Kemp, Salem  
 1895 J. A. Kemp, Salem  
 1896 Charles B. Landis, Delphi  
 1897 Q. A. Hossler, Warsaw  
 1898 Julian D. Hogate, Danville  
 1899 A. W. Howard, Spencer  
 1900 Wallace B. Campbell, Anderson  
 1901 M. W. Pershing, Tipton  
 1902 F. T. Singleton, Martinsville  
 1903 Charles W. Stivers, Liberty  
 1904 W. S. Montgomery, New Albany  
 1905 R. S. Truitt, Noblesville  
 1906 Harry M. Smith, Greencastle  
 1907 Will K. Penrod, Loogootee  
 1908 Harry A. Strohm, Kentland  
 1909 Edward A. Remy, Seymour  
 1910 A. M. Willoughby, Greensburg  
 1911 J. W. Cockrum, Oakland City  
 1912 Leo K. Fesler, Indianapolis  
 1913 W. B. Maddock, Bloomfield  
 1914 G. B. Lockwood, Muncie  
 1915 N. R. Spencer, Greenfield  
 1916 J. A. Kautz, Kokomo  
 1917 Harry J. Martin, Martinsville  
 1918 Frank Self, Corydon  
 1919 **Fred I. King**, Wabash  
 1920 Edward J. Hancock, Greensburg  
 1921 Edward J. Hancock, Greensburg  
 1922 J. W. Pierce, Clinton  
 1923 George D. Lindsay, Marion  
 1924 George A. Elliott, New Castle  
 1925 Herbert C. Willis, Waterloo  
 1926 J. F. McDermond, Attica  
 1927 **James J. Patchell**, Union City  
 1928 Edward E. Neal, Noblesville  
 1929 **Allen C. Hiner**, New Castle  
 1930 Paul R. Bausman, Washington  
 1931 **Samuel E. Boys**, Plymouth  
 1932 A. M. Smith, Crawfordsville  
 1933 Arthur K. Rimmel, Fort Wayne  
 1934 **Harry Thompson**, Versailles  
 1935 Raymond H. Seller, Franklin  
 \*1936 Paul R. Maddock, Bloomfield  
       George W. Stout, Lafayette  
       Paul R. Bausman, Washington  
 1937 Walter H. Crim, Salem  
 1938 **Foster W. Riddick**, Columbia City  
 1939 **Edwin V. O'Neal**, Hagerstown  
 1940 James E. Montgomery, New Albany  
 1941 **William Hargrave**, Rockville  
 1942 **William Murray**, Bicknell  
 1943 **William Murray**, Bicknell  
 1944 **Leo Kinman**, Shelbyville  
 1945 **Floyd Oursler**, Cynthiana  
 1946 **George Huish**, East Chicago  
 1947 **John V. Sellers**, Franklin  
 1948 **Claude Billings**, Akron  
 1949 **James Benham**, Terre Haute  
 1950 **Otto Harris**, Loogootee  
 1951 **Ed Schergens**, Tell City  
 1952 **Paul Riddick**, LaGrange  
 1953 **Dow Richardson**, Kokomo
- \* Died during term
- Names of living Past Presidents in bold face.

## *Association Secretaries*

Behind every important movement which continues through the years there is a group of usually unsung workers who carry out the details of an organization and keep it in smooth working order. Of such are the secretaries.

In the earlier days J. A. Kemp, of the *Salem Republican Leader*, served for several years in that capacity, and at other times as president of the Association. Among those who followed as secretary were: W. B. Campbell (1899); M. W. Pershing (1900); Frank T. Singleton (1901); Walter S. Montgomery (1902); R. S. Truitt (1903); Harry M. Smith (1904); W. K. Penrod (1906); Harry A. Strohm (1907); Ed A. Remy (1908); A. M. Willoughby (1909); J. W. Cochrum (1910); Leo Fesler (1911); J. N. Pierce (1920-1921).

In 1922 the practice was established of re-electing the secretary for indefinite years. The first to serve under this policy was W. O. Feudner, of Rushville, who served for three years and then resigned. Neil McCallum was elected on January 1, 1927, and served faithfully in that capacity for fifteen years. In the spirit of fairness the historian must record at this point that the work of the genial and obliging editor from Batesville solved for the Association many knotty problems and brought it perhaps to the high point of its success. After the death of Harry Fenton, McCallum also held the office of secretary of the Republican State Committee.

In 1942 McCallum resigned and Claude Billings of the *Akron News*, was elected secretary of the Association on February 21 and was chosen secretary of the State Committee in the dual capacity a few weeks later. He was elected treasurer in 1945 and president of the Association in 1948. George Huish of the *Calumet News*, and Otto Harris, of Loogootee, succeeded Billings as secretary.

In 1950 William Hargrave was chosen secretary and was succeeded by Billings, who resigned in 1952 and Stephen Noland was appointed to fill out the year. In 1953 Noland was elected secretary for the regular term.

## *Cups and Trophies*

In the last twenty-five years a series of cups and trophies have been offered by members of the Association and the Republican State Committee for excellence in newspaper production and Republican party service. The Association, with considerable success, urged its members to submit their papers in the several classes. These copies were submitted to recognized authorities in journalism, and the public awarding of the cups was always an interesting feature of the midwinter banquet.

Some of the contests have been outrun by the permanent acquisition of the trophies by repeating winners. The following are the trophies of record:

**LINDSAY CUP**—Presented in 1923 by George D. Lindsay of the Marion Chronicle for the best front page of a daily newspaper published or edited by a member of the Association, the award to be based one-half on news interest and one-half on make up. The trophy passed year to year to successive winners.

**SCHORTEMEIER CUP**—Presented in 1925 by Frederick E. Schortemeier for the best first page of a weekly newspaper published by a member of the Association, award to be based one-half on news interest and one-half on make up. Traveling cup.

**WILLIS CUP**—Presented in 1927 by Herbert C. Willis, publisher of the Waterloo Press, for the best editorial page of a weekly newspaper edited by a member of the Association. Any newspaper holding this cup three successive years became the sole owner of the trophy without further contest.

**REMMEL CUP**—Presented in 1934 by Arthur K. Remmel of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel, for the best editorial page appearing in a Republican weekly newspaper.

**CRIM CUP**—Presented in 1938 by Walter H. Crim, of the Salem Republican Leader, for the best front page of a Republican weekly.



**BRADEN-HANCOCK CUP**—Presented in 1938 for the best front page Republican daily newspaper.

**ASSOCIATION CUP**—Presented in 1939 by the Editorial Association for the best three consecutive issues of any paper.

**STATE COMMITTEE TROPHY**—In 1929 the Republican State Committee offered a trophy to the newspaper in the state, daily or weekly, or to the editor rendering the best service to the Republican party during the year.

### WINNERS OF THE LINDSAY CUP

First line, grand prize winner; second line, honorable mentions.

- 1924—Fort Wayne News-Sentinel  
Rushville Daily Republican; Crawfordsville Journal; Batesville Tribune
- 1925—Greensburg Daily News  
Brazil Times; Frankfort News
- 1926—Fort Wayne News-Sentinel  
Goshen Daily News; Vincennes Commercial; Warsaw Daily Times
- 1927—New Castle Courier  
Clinton Clintonian
- 1928—Greensburg Daily News  
Goshen News Times; Warsaw Daily Times; Brazil Times
- 1929—New Castle Courier  
Goshen Daily News Times; Rushville Daily Republican; Fort Wayne News-Sentinel
- 1930—Alexandria Times Tribune  
Lafayette Journal Courier; Columbus Republican; Goshen Daily News Times
- 1931—Rushville Republican  
Greensburg Daily News; Fort Wayne News-Sentinel; Warsaw Daily Times
- 1932—Greensburg Daily News  
South Bend Tribune; Rushville Republican; Plymouth Pilot
- 1933—Goshen News Times  
Greensburg Daily News; Clinton Clintonian; Alexandria Times Tribune
- 1934—Michigan City News  
Washington Herald; Greensburg Daily News; Fort Wayne News-Sentinel
- 1935—Shelbyville Republican  
Washington Herald; Michigan City News; Warsaw Daily Times
- 1936—Warsaw Daily Times  
Michigan City News; Terre Haute Star; Bloomington Telephone News
- 1937—Greensburg Daily News  
Terre Haute Star; Bloomington Telephone News; Salem Republican Leader

**WINNERS OF THE SCHORTEMEIER CUP**

First line, grand prize winner; second line, honorable mentions.

- 1925—Winamac Republican  
Thorntown Times; Batesville Tribune
- 1926—Waterloo Press  
Martin County Tribune; Franklin Republican; Batesville Tribune
- 1927—Steuben Republican
- 1928—Gas City Journal  
Sullivan Union; Waterloo Press; Thorntown Times
- 1929—Versailles Republican  
Waterloo Press; Van Buren News Eagle; LaGrange Standard
- 1930—Winamac Republican  
Sullivan Union; Middlebury Independent; Thorntown Times
- 1931—LaGrange Standard  
Versailles Republican; Aurora Journal; Culver Citizen
- 1932—LaGrange Standard  
Salem Republican Leader; Corydon Republican; Versailles Republican
- 1933—Salem Republican Leader  
Liberty Herald; Delphi Journal; Sullivan Union
- 1934—Waterloo Press  
Bloomfield News; Salem Republican Leader; Chesterton Tribune
- 1935—Salem Republican Leader  
Huntingburg Independent; Corydon Republican; Brownsburg Record
- 1936—Salem Republican Leader  
Berne Witness; Aurora Journal; LaGrange Standard
- 1937—Salem Republican Leader  
Paoli Republican; Waterloo Press

**WINNERS OF THE WILLIS CUP**

First line, grand prize winner; second line, honorable mentions.

- 1927—Steuben Republican
- 1928—Waterloo Press  
Winamac Republican; Monticello Herald
- 1929—Delphi Journal  
Carmel Standard; Lawrenceburg Press; Waterloo Press
- 1930—Delphi Journal  
Monticello Herald; LaGrange Standard; Aurora Journal
- 1931—Salem Republican Leader  
LaGrange Standard; Tell City News; Rushville Republican
- 1932—Salem Republican Leader  
LaGrange Standard; Waterloo Press; Culver Citizen
- 1933—Salem Republican Leader  
Waterloo Press; Bloomfield News; Steuben Republican

**WINNERS OF THE REMMEL CUP**

First line, grand prize winner; second line, honorable mentions.

- 1934—Salem Republican Leader  
Waterloo Press; Bloomfield News; Delphi Journal
- 1935—LaGrange Standard  
Gas City Journal; Steuben Republican; Salem Republican
- 1936—Waterloo Press  
Salem Republican Leader; Steuben Republican; Syracuse Journal
- 1937—Steuben Republican  
Rockville Republican; Waterloo Press; Delphi Journal
- 1938—Waterloo Press  
Franklin Republican; New Castle News Republican; Boonville Standard
- 1939—Salem Republican Leader  
Waterloo Press; Rockville Republican; Gas City Journal
- 1940—Salem Republican Leader  
Waterloo Press; New Castle Republican; Berne Witness
- 1941—Tell City News  
Salem Republican Leader; LaGrange Standard
- 1942—Salem Republican Leader  
LaGrange Standard; Rushville Republican; Tell City News
- 1943—Waterloo Press  
Salem Republican Leader; New Castle News Republican; Newton County Enterprise
- 1944—Salem Republican Leader  
Waterloo Press; New Castle News Republican

**WINNERS OF THE CRIM CUP**

First line, grand prize winner; second line, honorable mentions.

- 1938—New Castle News Tribune  
Franklin Republican; Bloomfield News; Corydon Republican
- 1939—Franklin Republican  
New Castle News Republican; Gas City Journal; Steuben Republican
- 1940—Gas City Journal  
Berne Witness; Corydon Republican; Franklin Republican
- 1941—Gas City Journal  
Ellettsville Journal; Liberty Herald; New Castle News Republican
- 1942—Bloomfield News  
Versailles Republican; Gas City Journal; LaGrange Standard
- 1943—Gas City Journal  
Corydon Republican; Putnam County Gazette; Albion New Era
- 1944—LaGrange Standard
- 1945—LaGrange Standard
- 1946—LaGrange Standard  
Bloomfield News; Putnam County Graphic; Rockville Republican

**WINNERS OF THE ASSOCIATION CUP**

First line, grand prize winner; second line, honorable mentions.

- 1937—Terre Haute Star  
LaGrange Standard; Rockville Republican; Salem Republican Leader
- 1938—Gas City Journal  
Martin County Tribune; Berne Witness; Boonville Standard
- 1939—Salem Republican Leader  
Rushville Republican; Gas City Journal; Corydon Republican
- 1940—Corydon Republican  
Gas City Journal; Rushville Republican; Salem Republican Leader
- 1941—Bloomington Telephone News  
LaGrange Standard; Corydon Republican; Greensburg Daily News
- 1942—Rushville Republican  
Bloomfield News; Gas City Journal; LaGrange Standard
- 1943—Corydon Republican  
Rushville Republican; Princeton Clarion News; Bloomfield News
- 1944—Gas City Journal
- 1946—Gas City Journal  
Chesterton Tribune; Rockville Republican; LaGrange Standard

**WINNERS OF BRADEN-HANCOCK CUP**

First line, grand prize winner; second line, honorable mentions.

- 1938—Bicknell Daily News  
Attica Ledger Tribune; Rushville Republican; Greensburg News
- 1939—Rushville Republican  
Daily Clintonian; Greensburg Daily News; Princeton Clarion News
- 1940—Bicknell Daily News  
Goshen News; Greensburg Daily News; Bloomington Telephone News
- 1941—Rushville Republican  
Bicknell Daily News; Bloomington Telephone News, Warsaw Daily Times
- 1942—Warsaw Times  
Franklin Star; Rushville Republican; Greensburg News
- 1943—Shelbyville Republican  
Noblesville Ledger; Rushville Republican; Princeton Clarion News
- 1944—Greensburg News



### WINNERS OF THE REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE TROPHY

- First line, grand prize winner; second line, honorable mentions.
- 1930—Shelbyville Republican  
Lafayette Journal & Courier; Waterloo Press
  - 1932—Waterloo Press  
Rushville Republican
  - 1933—Waterloo Press  
Rushville Republican; Daily Clintonian; Salem Republican Leader
  - 1934—Washington Herald  
Rushville Republican; Waterloo Press; Attica Ledger Tribune
  - 1935—Bloomfield News  
Washington Herald; Vincennes Morning Commercial; Attica  
Ledger Tribune
  - 1936—Terre Haute Star  
Waterloo Press; Steuben Republican; LaGrange Standard
  - 1937—Terre Haute Star  
Attica Ledger Tribune; Rockville Republican; Columbia City  
Commercial Mail
  - 1938—Attica Ledger Tribune  
LaGrange Standard; Plymouth Pilot; Waterloo Press
  - 1939—Washington Herald  
Shelbyville Republican; Salem Republican Leader; Rushville Re-  
publican
  - 1940—Shelbyville Republican  
Knightstown Banner; LaGrange Standard; Rushville Republican
  - 1941—Shelbyville Republican  
Tell City News; Rushville Republican; LaGrange Standard
  - 1942—Rockville Republican  
Bicknell News; Akron News; Shelbyville Republican
  - 1943—Bicknell Daily News  
Shelbyville Republican; Cynthiana Argus; Akron News
  - 1944—Rockville Republican
  - 1946—A. A. Hargrave
  - 1947—George Huish, Calumet News
  - 1948—John Sellers, Franklin
  - 1949—Claude Billings
  - 1950—James Benham
  - 1951—William D. Murray

### OTHER AWARDS

(By State Committee)

- 1947—Best Republican editorial—Paul Bausman, Washington Herald  
Best all around Republican newspaper—Ed Schergens, Tell City  
News
- 1948—Best Republican editorial—W. K. Bartlett, Newton County Enter-  
prise  
Best all around Republican daily newspaper—Bloomington World  
Telephone  
Best front page Republican newspaper—Franklin Republican
- 1949—Best all around daily newspaper—Warsaw Times  
Best all around weekly newspaper—Jonesboro Journal  
Best front page—Fort Wayne News-Sentinel  
Best editorial—Lawrenceburg Press
- 1953—Gold elephant  
Best Republican daily—Lafayette Courier Journal  
Best Republican weekly—Jeffersonville Post  
LaGrange Standard; Corydon Republican

## *How the Organization Functions*

The officers of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association, provided by the by-laws, consist of: President, first vice-president; second vice-president; secretary; treasurer.

With the exception of the secretary, new officers are chosen each year. It has become the established custom that a new man shall be chosen for treasurer each year, and that the other officers, except the secretary, shall be advanced in the above order, the incumbent president retiring. This gives opportunity for successive officers to become well acquainted with the membership and the duties of officials of the Association.

The custom of alternating the newly elected treasurer between daily and weekly newspapers has become well established.

The president is authorized to appoint an Advisory Committee, consisting of one association member from each Congressional district, which constitutes a Board of Directors.

These officers have responsibility for conducting all the business of the association between annual meetings and to make arrangements for all meetings of the Association.

The constitution provides for two meetings of the Association annually, one during the first quarter of every calendar year, and one in the summer or early fall.

The officers are chosen on the closing day of the annual winter meeting and take office immediately. The staff chosen for the year arranges and carries out the plans for the summer or fall meeting, and is also responsible for planning and carrying out the next year's winter meeting prior to election of their successors.

The elected officers of the Association, together with the immediate past president, comprise the Inter-Relations Committee with the Indiana Republican State Central Committee.

No officer of the Association may be a candidate for a political office while he is serving in his official capacity.

# *Indiana Republican Editorial Association*

## CONSTITUTION

### Article I

NAME—This Association shall be known as the Indiana Republican Editorial Association.

### Article II

OBJECT—The object of this Association shall be to maintain the honor and dignity of the profession; to advocate and defend the principles of the Republican party; to promote the interest of its members by securing unity of thought and action; to extend the influence of the press; to cultivate friendly relation and a spirit of fraternal regard among its members.

### Article III

MEMBERSHIP—Section 1. The membership of this Association shall be confined to bona fide editors, associate editors, or publishers of Republican newspapers in the State of Indiana, issued as often as once each week, of general circulation and acknowledged respectability.

Section 2. The membership fee for this Association shall be four dollars, which shall be four dollars for each year. Members who have been dropped from the roll because of non-payment of dues shall pay the same as new members.

Section 3. The financial year shall begin with the first of January at which time all regular dues shall become payable, and any member who shall fail or neglect to make such payment two years in succession shall be dropped from the roll of membership.

Section 4. Any member of this Association who shall cease to be a member of the press of this State, for a period of one year or to maintain the qualifications for membership prescribed in the Constitution, shall be dropped from the roll of membership.

Section 5. Members of the Association who have rendered long and honorable service in the pro-

fession, upon retiring from the newspaper business, and well known Republicans who are editors of non-political papers, may be elected honorary members of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any annual meeting after such name has been referred to a committee of three members of this Association who shall have made a favorable report upon the application. Such members shall be entitled to attend the meetings of the Association and exercise all the rights of active members, except voting and holding office; but the Association shall not be bound to secure for them courtesies which may be extended to active members of the Association.

Section 6. Any member who shall violate any of the rules of the Association, or who shall be guilty of conduct unbecoming to a member of the Association, shall be expelled by a two-thirds vote of all the members present at any meeting.

### Article IV

OFFICERS—Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot at the annual meeting by a majority of the votes cast and shall serve for one year, or until their successors are elected. The President is empowered to name an advisory committee, which committee shall consist of one member of the Association from each of the congressional districts of the State. The members of this committee shall be known as district directors. The President is further empowered to create any committee or committees which he may deem necessary for the best interest of the Association; to designate the members of such committee or committees.

Members of such a committee, or committees, shall serve at the will of the President.

Section 2. The duties of the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers. Either of the Vice-Presidents shall preside in the absence of the President. In the absence of the President and the Vice-Presidents the Association shall elect a presiding officer.

Section 3. The Secretary shall receive a salary of \$..... per year. Among the duties devolving upon the Secretary are: keeping the minutes of all regular or special meetings; the collection of dues and issuing receipts for the same; maintaining an accurate list of the membership and to approve all expenses of the Association before bills for same expenses are paid by the Treasurer. All money collected by the Secretary shall be paid to the Treasurer, who shall issue a receipt to the Secretary for the same.

Section 4. The Treasurer of the Association shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and expenditures during his term of office. The President shall name an auditing committee consisting of three members of the Association, prior to what is known as the mid-winter meeting of the Association. This auditing committee shall audit the books of the Treasurer as to receipts and expenditures and the chairman of the auditing committee shall make a report to the President of the receipts and expenditures throughout the past year.

Section 5. It shall be the duties of the officers of the Association with the aid and advice of the immediate past-president and district directors, to make all necessary arrangements for holding the meetings of this Association, arrange the programs for the meetings, issue publicity for the same and the President is empowered to name any committees necessary in connection with the meetings.

Section 6. Whenever any officer of this Association becomes a

candidate, either for nomination or election, for any national, state or district public office, or whenever such officer ceases to be actively engaged in newspaper work, his office in the Association will automatically become vacant, and his successor will be named by the President to serve until the next regular meeting of the Association.

Section 7. The members of the inter-relations committee referred to in Rule 119 of the Indiana Republican State Central Committee, shall consist of the officers of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association and the immediate past president of said Association. A member of the inter-relations committee finding it impossible to attend a meeting of the Indiana Republican State Central Committee may designate in writing, any member of the Association to represent him at the same meeting.

#### Article V

MEETINGS: Section 1. The Association shall meet at least twice a year. The annual business meeting shall be held some time between January 1 and April 1, of each year for the election of officers and the transaction of any business in connection with the Association. Another meeting shall be held some time during the summer or fall of each year. These meetings are to be held at such time and place as may be designated by the officers, with the aid and advice of the district directors, and the programs for these meetings shall be arranged by the officers and the district directors.

Section 2. Special meetings may be called by the President at his discretion and must be called by the President upon a petition duly presented of twenty members of the Association, the time and place and purpose of the special meeting to be stated in detail in the call issued to the entire membership.

Section 3. The Secretary shall notify all members by mail at least ten days previous to any regular or special meeting.



Section 4. The members present at any of these meetings shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Section 5. The Secretary shall, at the option of the Association, cause the proceedings of the annual meeting to be published in pamphlet form and shall publish such matter therein as the Association may direct, or such matter as would be of benefit to the members.

Section 6. The Association will not permit any candidate for the nomination of any public office to take advantage of any regular or special meeting of the Association for the purpose of announcing his candidacy before the membership thereof, or advance the interest of his candidacy. The Association reserves its activities for the promotion of the interests of the regular Party ticket as named by primary election, delegate conventions or other authorized and established Party agencies.

#### Article VI

AMENDMENTS—This Constitution may be altered, amended or revised at any regular meeting by the affirmative vote, taken by a roll call, of two-thirds of the members present. Provided, that all

such alterations, amendments or revisions shall be submitted in writing to the President at least one week prior to the meeting at which they are to be voted upon.

#### BY-LAWS

1. Roberts' Rules of Order shall govern the deliberations of the Association.

2. The order of business for the regular meetings shall be as follows: Reading of minutes; Report of committees; Regular business reports, etc.; Discussions, Election of officers, and any other business pertinent to the interest of the Association.

3. Miscellaneous business may be brought forward at any time when it will not conflict with the regular order.

4. Upon the death of any member of the Association it shall be the duty of the President to designate six members to attend the funeral and pay such respects to the memory of the deceased as circumstances will permit. The Secretary shall order flowers in the name of the Association.

5. These By-Laws may be rescinded, suspended, altered or amended by two-thirds vote of members present at any regular or special meeting of this Association.

*Indiana Republican Newspapers*

(HSPA Classification)

\*Member Indiana Republican Editorial Association

## DAILY PAPERS

Town and Paper—(County)	Editor or/and Publisher
Anderson Herald (Madison) .....	*Thomas Gephardt
Attica Ledger-Tribune (Fountain) .....	*Don Montgomery
Bicknell News (Knox) .....	*Don Radler; *Mrs. Avemell Powell
Brazil Times (Clay) .....	*Mrs. James A. Raper; *Ted R. Raper
Clinton Clintonian (Vermillion) .....	*George L. Carey
Columbia City Commercial Mail (Whitley) .....	*Lucile Staples
Columbus Republican (Bartholomew) .....	*Robert E. Gordon
Connersville News-Examiner (Fayette) .....	*Arthur E. Neal
Fort Wayne News-Sentinel (Allen) .....	*Clifford B. Ward
Goshen News-Democrat (Elkhart) .....	*R. C. Lehman
Greensburg News (Decatur) ....	*Walter B. Lowe; *Mrs. E. J. Hancock
Hammond Times (Lake) .....	*Rex L. Hidy; *George Ault
Hartford City News Times (Blackford) .....	*R. W. Monfort
Huntington Herald-Press (Huntington) .....	*Howard Houghton;
	*James C. Quayle
Kokomo Tribune (Howard) .....	*Dow Richardson
Lafayette Journal-Courier (Tippecanoe) .....	*Herbert H. Heimlich
LaPorte Herald-Argus (LaPorte) .....	*Charles A. Beal
Logansport Press (Cass) .....	*J. M. Druck
Madison Courier (Jefferson) .....	*M. E. Garber
Marion Chronicle (Grant) .....	*Gardner J. Thomas
Martinsville Reporter (Morgan) .....	*Robert S. Kendall; *Wilber L. Kendall
Monticello Herald-Journal (Pike) .....	*Dewey D. Raper
Montpelier Herald (Blackford) .....	*James E. Holland, Sr.
Muncie Star-Press (Delaware) ...	*Leon J. Parkinson; *John O. Ferris;
	*Walter A. Letzler
New Albany Tribune (Floyd) .....	*Mrs. Nell Brown
New Castle Courier-Times (Henry) .....	*Allen C. Hiner
Noblesville Daily-Ledger (Hamilton) .....	*C. A. Neal
Peru Republican (Miami) .....	*John R. Nixon
Portland Commercial Review (Jay) .....	*Sherewood C. Ide
Plymouth Pilot-News (Marshall) .....	*S. E. Boys; *A. R. Boys;
	*Don R. J. Cramer
Princeton Clarion-News (Gibson) .....	*V. E. Faust; *Vera M. Scherer
Rensselaer Republican (Jasper) .....	*K. B. Robinson
Richmond Palladium-Item (Wayne) .....	R. G. Leeds; L. M. Feeger;
	Marvin Prickett
Rushville Republican (Rush) ....	*Louis C. Hiner; *A. Hartwell Coons
Seymour Tribune (Jackson) .....	*John H. Conner
South Bend Tribune (St. Joseph) .....	*F. A. Miller

## WEEKLY PAPERS

Akron News (Fulton) .....	*Claude Billings; *Esther Billings
Albany Chronicle (Delaware) .....	Lyle D. Smith
Albion New Era (Noble) .....	*Richard C. Prickett
Amboy Independent (Miami) .....	Donald Camp
Angola Steuben Republican (Steuben) ...	*Henry Willis; *E. D. Willis; *Raymond E. Willis
Auburn Dispatch (DeKalb) .....	*V. E. Buchanan
Aurora Journal-Bulletin (Dearborn) .....	*William F. Fehrman
Berne Witness (Adams) .....	*M. I. Lehman
Bloomfield News (Greene) .....	*Bryan G. Martin
Bloomington Herald-Telephone (Monroe) .....	George J. Wise
Boonville Standard (Warrick) .....	*C. Richard Johnson
Boswell Enterprise (Benton) .....	*Edgar Burnett
Bourbon News-Mirror (Marshall) .....	Reese H. Price
Bristol Banner (Elkhart) .....	H. F. Mosier
Brook Reporter (Newton) .....	George H. Denham
Brookston Reporter (White) .....	*Robert Fisher
Brookville American (Franklin) .....	*Ernest W. Showalter
Brownsburg Record (Hendricks) .....	L. P. Anderson
Bunker Hill Press (Miami) .....	*Lloyd Snyder
Carlisle News (Sullivan) .....	*Edley Rogers
Carthage Citizen (Rush) .....	*Kenneth Rhodes
Charlestown Courier (Clark) .....	Paul V. Hester
Chesterton Tribune (Porter) .....	*Warren R. Canwright
Churubusco Truth (Whitley) .....	James H. Kirtley
Clay City News (Clay) .....	Ella Grames
Converse Journal (Miami) .....	Donald Camp
Corydon Republican (Harrison) .....	*Robert C. Watson
Covington Republican (Fountain) .....	A. A. LePage
Cromwell Advance (Noble) .....	*Donald C. Robbins
Crown Point Lake Co. Star (Lake) .....	*A. J. Verplank
Crown Point Register (Lake) .....	*Lawrence Lawton
Culver Citizen (Marshall) .....	*Chester M. Cleveland
Cynthiana Argus (Posey) .....	*Floyd F. Oursler
Danville Republican (Hendricks) .....	*Edward J. Weesner

Delphi Journal (Carroll) .....	*Leo C. Craig
DeMotte Kankakee Valley Post (Jasper) .....	K. B. Robinson
East Chicago Calumet News (Lake) .....	*Eugene Huish
Eaton Herald (Delaware) .....	Clark S. Lee
Ellettsville Journal (Monroe) .....	*Maurice Endwright
English News-Messenger (Crawford) .....	*John A. Blevins
Fairmont News (Grant) .....	*J. R. Grahl
Farmersburg News (Sullivan) .....	*A. J. Jewett
Farmland Randolph Enterprise (Randolph) .....	*Robert M. Kist
Francesville Tribune (Pulaski) .....	Herbert Ames
Fowler Tribune (Benton) .....	*Edgar Burnett
Franklin Republican (Johnson) .....	*John V. Sellers; *Mrs. Raymond Sellers
Fremont Eagle (Steuben) .....	*Howard Flaishans
Galveston Leader (Cass) .....	David E. Petrie
Gas City Journal (Grant) .....	*A. G. VonDielinger
Goodland Herald (Newton) .....	*Will C. Logan
Greencastle Weekly Banner (Putnam) .....	*S. R. Rariden
Greenfield Republican (Hancock) .....	Richard B. Spencer
Hagerstown Exponent (Wayne) .....	*E. V. O'Neel
Indiana City Press (Lake) .....	*George Huish
Indianapolis Marion Co. Mail .....	*Stephen C. Noland
Jasonville Leader .....	*Don Flater
Jeffersonville Clark Co. Journal (Clark) .....	Owen Voigt
Jonesboro Journal (Grant) .....	Gas City Pub. Co.
Kentland Newton Co. Enterprise (Newton) .....	*Ward K. Bartlett
Kewanna Observer (Fulton) .....	*William P. Lyon
Knightstown Banner (Henry) .....	*R. Thomas Mayhill
Knox Starke Co. Republican (Starke) .....	*Ralph W. Morgan
LaGrange Standard (LaGrange) .....	*Paul M. Riddick
Lapel Review (Madison) .....	Ernest M. Lawson
Lawrenceburg Press (Dearborn) .....	*William D. Murray
Liberty Herald (Union) .....	*Daniel C. Paddock; *Mrs. Mary Wedding
Ligonier Leader (Noble) .....	*Leland K. Thompson
Loogootee Tribune (Martin) .....	*Sanford Deckard
Loogootee Midwest Printing Co. (Martin) .....	*Otto Harris
Lowell Tribune (Lake) .....	*Charles L. Surprise
Lynn Herald Citizen (Randolph) .....	*Robert M. Kist
Medaryville Herald (Pulaski) .....	Don P. Guild
Middlebury Independent (Elkhart) .....	Fred A. Walker
Middletown News (Henry) .....	David E. Reed
Milford Mail (Kosciusko) .....	A. E. Baumgartner
Mishawaka Enterprise (St. Joseph) .....	Mrs. Edith Enos
Mitchell Tribune (Lawrence) .....	*Lowell R. Davis
Montpelier Herald (Blackford) .....	James E. Holland
Mt. Vernon Republican (Posey) .....	*Doyle W. Oursler
Nappanee Advance-News (Elkhart) .....	*Tom Myers, Jr.
New Castle News-Republican (Henry) .....	*Harry A. Cooper
Newport Hoosier State (Vermillion) .....	*Betty W. Collins



North Liberty News (St. Joseph) .....	*Charles M. Finch
North Manchester News-Journal (Wabash) .....	*Roland Schmedel
North Vernon Plain-Dealer (Jennings) .....	*Calvert C. Klingner
Oak Town Press (Knox) .....	*C. E. Mitton
Odon Journal (Davies) .....	*Carvel J. Stotts
Orleans Progress Examiner (Orange) .....	*W. M. Busick
Owensville Star Echo (Gibson) .....	*A. W. Cox
Oxford Gazette (Benton) .....	Mrs. R. B. Craw
Paoli Republican (Orange) .....	*John P. Riley
Pendleton Times (Madison) .....	H. F. Weaver
Perrysville Highland Herald (Vermillion) .....	Teresa McAllister
Peru Republican (Miami) .....	*Omer Holman
Petersburg Press (Pike) .....	*L. L. Fenwick
Pierceton Press (Kosciusko) .....	A. E. Baumgartner
Plainfield Friday Caller (Hendricks) .....	*Grace M. Jackson
Plainfield Messenger (Hendricks) .....	*Mrs. Ellen C. Curtis
Portland Graphic (Jay) .....	*Manon W. Felts
Remington Press (Jasper) .....	Phyl C. Miller
Ridgeville Randolph Co. News (Randolph) .....	*W. L. Thompson
Rising Sun Ohio Co. News (Ohio) .....	*J. M. Glatz
Roanoke Review (Huntington) .....	C. M. Ervin
Rockport Journal (Spencer) .....	*Joe A. Hargis
Rockville Republican (Parke) .....	*William B. Hargrave;
	*Arthur A. Hargrave
Russellville News (Putnam) .....	*Grace G. Rutledge
Salem Republican Leader (Washington) .....	*Howard F. Grossman
Scottsburg Chronicle (Scott) .....	*W. M. Wells
Seymour Republican (Jackson) .....	*John H. Conner
Shelbyville Republican (Shelby) .....	*Lawrence Parker
Sheridan News (Hamilton) .....	I. H. & D. B. McMurtry
South Whitley Tribune (Whitley) .....	Charles Bowerman
Spencer Owen-Leader (Owen) .....	*J. W. Hutcheson
Sullivan Union (Sullivan) .....	*R. P. White
Summitville Sun (Madison) .....	R. R. Grahrl
Swayzee Press (Grant) .....	L. Paul Lake
Syracuse Journal (Kosciusko) .....	*J. B. Cox
Tell City News (Perry) .....	*U. B. Cummings; *A. R. Cummings;
	*E. W. Schergens
Terre Haute Saturday Spectator (Vigo) .....	*N. C. Williams; *J. B. Harned
Upland Community Courier (Grant) .....	*Walter Getschmann
Versailles Republican (Ripley) ....	*Harry W. Thompson; *Carlos Craig
Wakarusa Tribune (Elkhart) .....	*James H. Wright
Walkerton Independent (St. Joseph) .....	*Charles M. Finch
Warren Tribune (Huntington) .....	Bruce E. Laymon
Waterloo Press (DeKalb) .....	H. L. Fuhlenbrock
Waveland Independent (Montgomery) .....	*C. N. McBrayer
West Lebanon Gazette (Warren) .....	J. W. L. Smith
Westville Indicator (LaPorte) .....	*Burdette E. Slater

Whiting Times Graphic (Lake) .....	*James L. Griffith
Williamsport Review Republican (Warren) .....	*Herbert S. Cripe
Winamac Republican (Pulaski) .....	John Schortle
Winchester Enterprise (Randolph) .....	*E. Wright Buckmaster
Wolcottville Herald (LaGrange) .....	Richard Targart
Worthington Times (Greene) .....	*W. I. Pryor
Zionsville Times (Boone) .....	*Bernard Clayton

#### HONORARY MEMBERS

Elected March 1, 1947

Fred E. Schortemeier, Indianapolis  
 Neil McCallum, Batesville  
 Roy D. Shipman, Knightstown (dec'd)  
 Ray Robinson, Paoli  
 Raymond E. Willis, Angola

#### AN APPRECIATION

"The 75 years of service and co-operation by the Indiana Republican Editorial Association cannot be measured adequately nor can it be over-estimated. Certainly the patient and persistent presentation of the truth to the people of Indiana by the members of the I.R.E.A. has had a profound and enduring effect on the state, and has done very much to make Hoosierland a progressive, prosperous and happy part of America. Were the issues, throughout all these years, not intelligently and forcefully presented in the press, our State and our Nation would be a much different place than now. May God speed the I.R.E.A., and preserve its integrity, its loyalty, and its health!"

NOLAND C. WRIGHT, *Chairman*  
 Republican State Committee

MABEL E. LYONS, *Vice Chairman*

## *The Daily Miracle*

*By Bob Considine*

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Came face to face with a genuine miracle today. Opened the door of my house and there at my feet lay an object which, when unfolded, brought the whole world before my eyes. It was a world of war and peace, high resolve and despair, love and hate, tears and laughter—and it was all there before me.

This miraculous object was easy to lift. Its leaves were easy to turn. Yet once it had been a massive part of a tree in Canada or Sweden, a tree that had needed years to grow. The tree was felled at the proper moment, stripped of its bark by intricate devices, pulled through forests, transported down rivers, fed into the maw of a mill, mixed with strange chemicals and made into paper.

There were words on these folded sheets of paper I found at my door. And pictures to explain the words. Here, to make these words and pictures visible and enduring, a substance named ink had been introduced—a substance made of a varnish prepared from linseed oil, rosin and soap, to which the proper pigment had been added and the lot ground to a great fineness in a special mill.

The infinite tragedy of war came to me, snug in my home, through the intercession of a reporter who had studied and worked for years to obtain his job, and who drank in his impression only by living with the muddied warriors and sharing their terror and bravery.

His story had been shouted into a crackling field phone, or tapped out in a battered press hostel, and flung across the sea by the confounding miracle of radio.

Once in the United States, it had been further polished and placed on a "printer," and fed electronically to hundreds of outlets at 60 words a minute. Then it had been taken off the machine, edited, interpreted in headlines that contained

the exact number of letters and spaces, reduced to metal, pressed against a yielding, pulpy sheet named a matrix, which in turn gave birth to its image in metal attached to a printing press that cost a million dollars, inked, and wedded to an endless sheet of surging paper.

It had been bound, transported in trucks, trains, planes, earmarked for me for a few pennies, and put at my door by a neighborhood lad.

The world unfolded. From Moscow there was word that deeply affected me, an intramob fight in the Kremlin—where previous machinations had brought to mankind an incomparable scourge, and had caused us of the free world to teeter on the brink of bankruptcy.

Puzzled by the significance of the strife, I turned to a story written by a man who had lived in Russia and who knew the purgers and the purged. And from there to stories of what the great ones had said of all this, in London, Paris, Washington, Ottawa, Mexico City, Melbourne, Manila, Rio de Janeiro, Johannesburg. . . .

But there was so much more. There was word of the progress of the latest political revolution in our own country, of changes in the law of the land, the cost of continuing to be a citizen, the cost of a skyscraper and a pat of butter.

Some of my future was being shaped by my representatives in Washington and some of it in Korea, and yet I knew it almost instantly—its scope and meaning—and, being a person who employs these representatives by my vote, I could begin to decide then and there whether to dismiss them or retain them in office.

There was news of the atom, our smallest weapon, and of the projected carrier, our largest. The miracle in my hand took me through the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin and showed me the wrath of risen slaves. It let me into the study of Marshal Tito. It was with Adlai Stevenson in Vienna and Dwight Eisenhower in drought-stricken Texas, and with Cambodian Premier Penn Nouth in Saigon. And Marilyn Monroe in Hollywood.



I left London with the Queen of Tonga, and helped lasso a Hereford bull in the streets of Charlotte, N. C. I went to a stylish first night on Broadway, and to a couturier's opening in Paris. Mr. Truman told me why his side had lost last November. "People let demagoguery get the best of them," he snapped at me.

My ball club won, my comic hero was saved in the nick of time, my wife learned how to cook and make over the entire house, my two shares of stock would stand the impact of peace, my fear of polio dispelled by gamma globulin, my golf slice could be cured by a change of grip.

All this, through the miracle I held in my hand (and had come to accept as routine)—my newspaper.

## F O R W A R D

The record of seventy-five years of the Indiana Republican Editorial Association has been written. To have achieved an existence of three-quarters of a century is in itself a remarkable accomplishment. The year by year vital statistics reports of more than one hundred successful meetings addressed by Presidents, statesmen, governors and party leaders are only the tangible evidence of greater inspiration.

The men who founded this Association were impelled to do so by an ardent devotion to the fundamental principles of a great nation. They believed these principles could be better advocated through the agency of an organized political party. They banded together for fellowship, for interchange of ideas, and for inspiration in the vocation to which they were dedicated.

These intangible factors made the Association a great and useful instrument and account for its virility and longevity. Those pioneers held aloft the torch of freedom and have passed it on to a later generation to enlighten the nation in the gloom of material mindedness, selfish living and careless thinking. Today the challenge to the fraternity is even more urgent than it was at any time during the three-quarters of a century just gone.

The threat to the freedom of the press through which vicious men hope to stifle expression has been flagrantly manifested.

There is heedless lack of appreciation of the effectiveness of the political party system through which earnest citizens may translate their ideals into action.

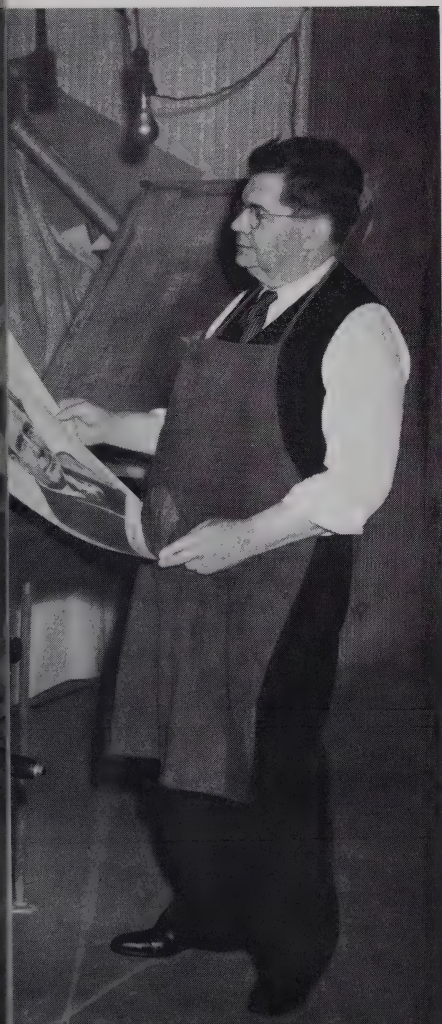
The efforts of courageous statesmen to expose the subversive agents and activities which would undermine the rare blessings of our free government are being harrassed on every side.

The weak emotionalism so comforting to the easy way of life refuses to raise the warning, "Thus far shalt thou go and no further."

The time spent in looking backward is only useful if it encourages us to resolve to continue the crusade for the advancement of freedom among mankind.

IREA, forward march!





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makes a good  
impression*





